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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Yellow fever on steamship Mount Vernon, from Limon, at Mobile, Ala.
Vessel remanded to Gulf Quarantine Station, Ship Island.*

[Telegram.]

MOBILE, ALA., July 3, 1903.

One yellow-fever case on steamer *Mount Vernon*, from Limon. Case and vessel remanded Ship Island.

HENRY GOLDTHWAITE, *Health Officer.*

[Telegram.]

BILOXI, MISS., July 4, 1903.

Steamer *Mount Vernon* from Port Limon via Mobile, 1 case yellow fever, arrived yesterday.

GRUBBS.

Death of yellow-fever case.

[Telegram.]

BILOXI, MISS., July 5, 1903.

Case from *Mount Vernon* died this morning.

GRUBBS.

Instructions to officers relative to yellow fever.

Yellow fever being actually present at Tampico, Mexico, and Limon, Costa Rica, the following telegrams were sent:

JULY 7, 1903.

LIPPINCOTT, *American Consulate, Tampico, Mexico:*

Take temperature passengers and crews on vessels bound for United States ports, and detain those above normal. Authorized to purchase one dozen clinical thermometers.

WYMAN, *Surgeon-General.*

JULY 8, 1903.

GRUVER, *American Consulate, Port Limon, Costa Rica:*

During prevalence yellow fever take temperature passengers and crews vessels bound for United States. Detain all with temperature above normal. Authorized to purchase dozen thermometers.

WALTER WYMAN, *Surgeon-General.*

Report on rats from city wharf and Chinese, Japanese, and Latin quarters examined during the week ended June 27, 1903.

The following is received from Assistant Surgeon Currie through Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue, under date of June 27, 1903:

Number of rats caught alive.....	84
Number found dead	4
Number showing lesions of phosphorous poisoning	1
Number showing pest infection	0

List of unsanitary places examined.

Following plumbing defects need immediate attention:

- No. 815 Dupont: Closet does not flush.
- No. 847 Dupont: Rotten sink; plumbing choked.
- No. 803 Washington: Defective plumbing. Place odorous and foul.
- No. 733 Washington: No urinal. Closet rotten. Place odorous and foul.
- No. 104 Waverly: Foul closet in basement. Place odorous.
- No. 815 Washington: Drug store. Leaky faucet in kitchen.
- No. 819 Washington: Dwelling. Condition of plumbing is bad. Kitchen filthy.
- No. 821 Washington: Store. Condition of plumbing bad.
- No. 823 Washington: Dwelling and "hook shop." Closets filthy; stairways dirty.
- No. 823½ Washington: Rear rooms poorly ventilated..
- No. 823½ Washington: Kitchen floor filthy. Whole place odorous.
- No. 42 Spofford: Restaurant. No traps to sink pipes.
- No. 26 Spofford: Restaurant. Kitchen foul; wooden sink.
- No. 24 Spofford: Closets on second floor dirty. Sink untrapped.
- No. 22 Spofford: Sink pipe untrapped. Plumbing generally is bad.
- No. 20 Spofford: Rooms filthy and poorly ventilated. Plumbing is generally bad.
- No. 12 Spofford: Lodging house. Rear areas and kitchen very dirty.
- No. 16 Spofford: Untrapped sink; drains to open hopper.
- No. 10 Spofford: Kitchen and basement filthy. Floors broken; ground underneath wet with sewage.
- No. 1023 Stockton: No trap to sink drain.
- No. 1021 Stockton: No trap to sink drain.
- No. 8 Spofford: All tumble-down dwelling, dirty and unfit for habitation.
- No. 6½ Spofford: Lodging place. Unfit for habitation.
- No. 4 Spofford: No trap to sink drain.
- No. 826½ Clay: Dwelling. Old, dirty, and unsanitary.
- No. 826½ Clay: Basement. Hop joint. Poorly ventilated. Floors broken. Unfit for human habitation.
- No. 824½ Clay: Lodging place. Rooms small and badly ventilated.
- No. 822 Clay: Dwelling. Whole place needs cleaning, painting, and limewash.
- No. 820½ Clay: Lodging place. Filth has accumulated upon floors. Sink drain is untrapped. New plumbing throughout.
- No. 811 Clay: Rear areas dirty.
- No. 32½ Waverly: Not fit for habitation.